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(RALEIGH) Attorney General Josh Stein today released the following statement after his district court victory led JetBlue Airways and Spirit Airlines to abandon their plans for a \$3.8 billion merger.

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Last year, Attorney General Stein sued the two airlines, alongside the U.S. Department of Justice and the Attorneys General of Massachusetts, New York, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, California, and Connecticut. In January, a federal court sided with Attorney General Stein and the other plaintiffs and held that the proposed transaction would violate federal antitrust law.

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